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Colorado Trends

Little change was noted in the State's labor market picture between April and May. Lower levels of employment and unemployment dropped the seasonally adjusted jobless rate two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force. The rate has fallen in each of the last three months and is well below the 7.8 percent recorded one year ago.

Persons looking for, but not finding, work numbered 107,500 in May. The current level is 4,500 fewer than in the prior month and nearly 28,000 less than in May of last year.

Employment changes statewide failed to match the usual April to May pattern and dropped 12,100 after seasonal adjustment. Just over 1,584,000 Coloradans were employed, 2,200 fewer than a year ago.

A major portion of May's employment loss on a seasonal basis was due to a much smaller than normal gain in agricultural jobs. The 600 increase was about 9,000 below the average for the period. Changing crops and seasonal factors, weather and the variability of monthly estimates all affect the current level, thus, no real significance can be attached to May's movement at the present time.

Overall, Colorado's economy remains in a holding pattern with business activity slightly above that of the last two and one-half years. For the first five months of 1988, employment has recorded an average gain of 19,600 or 1.2 percent over the same period of 1987. And due to easing jobless pressure as a result of fewer people coming into the labor force, the number of unemployed has fallen 18,500.

While labor force stability with slow job growth has lowered unemployment significantly, hiring must accelerate before further sizable declines in unemployment can be expected.

After trending downward for many months reaching a 14-year low in April, the nation's jobless rate climbed two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.6 percent in May. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported seasonally adjusted unemployment increased 173,000 to 6.8 million while the number of civilian workers fell 518,000 to 114.2 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado fell 4,100 in May to 1,393,500 from the 1,397,600 registered in April. The loss was larger than seasonally expected and may indicate some slight hesitation in the trend towards gradual improvement since the middle of last year. Most sectors declined over the month except for construction (up 1,200), manufacturing (up 900) and government which was unchanged. Total wage and salary jobs in the State are 6,600 below last year's level of 1,400,100.

The biggest loss occurred in services where the number of jobs fell by 5,200 to 327,100. Much of the decrease was normal for this time of year as the ski season wound down. Notable declines over the month came in amusements (down 3,300) and hotels and other lodging (down 1,300) owing to the drop in ski area employment. But personal services (down 900) and business services (down 600) were also weak.

Smaller declines were recorded in the mining (down 200), transportation and public utilities (down 400), trade (down 200) and finance, insurance and real estate (down 600) sectors.

Recent announcements have buoyed the outlook in the construction industry. Besides the positive developments surrounding the future of the new airport and progress on the new Denver Convention Center several long-range projects have received financing or begun construction. Among these are: Senate approval of $145 million in military construction projects around the State, $86 million in contracts let for a water treatment facility and hydroelectric power plant and $90 million in mixed-use office and hotel expansion in Colorado Springs, $100 million contract awarded to Etkin Construction Co. of Denver to renovate the Cherry Creek Shopping Center, and ground breaking on a 770,000 square foot mall, the Thornton Town Center, located near East 98th Avenue and Interstate 25 in Thornton.

Manufacturing continues to show gradual improvement. The 2,000 over-the-year increase in statewide manufacturing jobs is second only to government (up 3,400). In addition, hours worked in manufacturing, which generally lead employment changes in the industry, rose to 41.1 hours per week from 40.7 the month before and is substantially above the 40.3 posted in May 1987. In fact, it is the highest since the 41.7 recorded in December 1984 and suggests that manufacturers could soon turn to hiring additional workers instead of increasing overtime if demand for their products persist.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the DENVER MSA dipped one-tenth of a percentage point in May to 5.9 percent. For the third consecutive month losses were noted in both the number of employed and unemployed Area residents. One year ago the rate was 7.3 percent.

After adjusting for normal seasonal patterns, the number of unemployed fell 900 over the month to 52,200. The jobless level in the Region has contracted by almost 14,000 over the past twelve months.

Adjusted employment in the Metro Region receded by 4,300 in May to 831,000. The number of employed residents is now 1,800 less than the 832,800 of one year ago.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose 2,000 over the month to 793,600. This series is now over 4,000 below the year ago level of 797,700. All major groups save mining (down 200), government (down 200), and transportation and public utilities (unchanged), showed moderate gains. Gainers were led by services (up 1,400), manufacturing (up 400), and trade (up 300). However, no seasonal strength was evident in any sector. Only the transportation and public utilities component performed according to seasonal expectations for the April-May period, while weakness remains most apparent in the construction, trade and services sectors.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	MAY 1988	APR 1988	FEB 1988	MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1691.8	1708.4	1739.8	1721.6	-16.6	-48.0	-29.8
Unemployment	107.5	112.0	126.3	135.1	-4.5	-18.8	-27.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.6	7.3	7.8	---	---	---
Employment	1584.3	1596.4	1613.5	1586.5	-12.1	-29.2	-2.2
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1390.6	1396.8	1406.2	1397.8	-6.2	-15.6	-7.2
Mining	20.6	20.7	21.0	21.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9
Contract Construction	61.8	63.2	64.1	69.3	-1.4	-2.3	-7.5
Manufacturing	185.8	186.0	186.0	183.8	-0.2	-0.2	2.0
Durable Goods	117.8	118.1	118.0	117.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.7
Nondurable Goods	68.0	67.9	68.0	66.8	0.1	0.0	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	82.6	83.0	83.5	83.4	-0.4	-0.9	-0.8
Trade	350.7	352.1	356.3	350.0	-1.4	-5.6	0.7
Wholesale	75.4	75.7	76.2	75.7	-0.3	-0.8	-0.3
Retail	275.3	276.4	280.1	274.2	-1.1	-4.8	1.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.8	97.1	98.0	99.0	-0.3	-1.2	-2.2
Services	328.7	330.3	332.9	330.7	-1.6	-4.2	-2.0
Government	263.6	264.4	264.4	260.2	-0.8	-0.8	3.4
Federal	54.3	54.6	54.8	54.7	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4
State	63.0	62.7	62.5	60.7	0.3	0.5	2.3
Local	146.3	147.1	147.1	144.8	-0.8	-0.8	1.5
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	883.2	888.4	906.6	898.8	-5.2	-23.4	-15.6
Unemployment	52.2	53.1	59.4	66.0	-0.9	-7.2	-13.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.0	6.6	7.3	---	---	---
Employment	831.0	835.3	847.2	832.8	-4.3	-16.2	-1.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	788.8	792.6	798.7	792.8	-3.8	-9.9	-4.0
Mining	13.6	13.8	13.7	14.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6
Contract Construction	35.5	36.7	36.7	37.9	-1.2	-1.2	-2.4
Manufacturing	95.1	95.3	95.3	94.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Durable Goods	51.5	51.6	51.6	51.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Nondurable Goods	43.6	43.7	43.7	43.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	60.2	60.2	60.8	59.9	0.0	-0.6	0.3
Trade	198.7	200.0	202.7	200.0	-1.3	-4.0	-1.3
Wholesale	53.9	53.9	54.1	54.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Retail	144.8	146.1	148.6	146.3	-1.3	-3.8	-1.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	66.0	66.2	66.7	66.8	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8
Services	195.0	195.6	197.7	195.5	-0.6	-2.7	-0.5
Government	124.7	124.8	125.1	123.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.3
Federal	31.7	31.7	31.7	32.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4
State	26.3	26.2	26.2	25.4	0.1	0.1	0.9
Local	66.7	66.9	67.2	66.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.5
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	130670	131100	132850	130660	-430	-2180	10
Unemployment	5990	6140	7070	7590	-150	-1080	-1600
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.8	---	---	---
Employment	124680	124960	125780	123070	-280	-1100	1610
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	188580	190750	194690	189760	-2170	-6110	-1180
Unemployment	14260	14660	16820	15960	-400	-2560	-1700
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.7	8.6	8.4	---	---	---
Employment	174320	176090	177870	173800	-1770	-3550	520
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	91490	92430	94600	91300	-940	-3110	190
Unemployment	5330	5430	6610	6020	-100	-1280	-690
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.9	7.0	6.6	---	---	---
Employment	86160	87000	87990	85280	-840	-1830	880
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	67110	68630	70370	68640	-1520	-3260	-1530
Unemployment	4510	4570	5540	5610	-60	-1030	-1100
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.7	7.9	8.2	---	---	---
Employment	62600	64060	64830	63030	-1460	-2230	-430
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49270	50520	50750	49420	-1250	-1480	-150
Unemployment	3950	4160	4890	5260	-210	-940	-1310
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.2	9.6	10.6	---	---	---
Employment	45320	46360	45860	44160	-1040	-540	1160

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1691.6	1701.6	1721.7	-10000	-30100
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	108.9	116.4	136.8	-7500	-27900
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.8	7.9	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1582.7	1585.2	1584.9	-2500	-2200
Nonagricultural 5/	1537.9	1541.0	1521.1	-3100	16600
Agricultural	44.8	44.2	63.8	600	-19000
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1393.5	1397.6	1400.1	-4100	-6600
(by place of work)					
MINING	20.4	20.6	21.3	-200	-900
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	14.0	14.3	-300	-600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	62.0	60.8	69.5	1200	-7500
General Building Contractors	13.5	13.7	16.3	-200	-2800
Heavy Construction Contractors	10.0	9.2	10.9	800	-900
Special Trade Contractors	38.5	37.9	42.3	600	-3800
MANUFACTURING	185.2	184.3	183.2	900	2000
Durable Goods	117.7	117.5	117.0	200	700
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.7	6.6	6.7	100	0
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.8	7.7	8.0	100	-200
Primary & Fabricated Metals	13.4	13.3	12.7	100	700
Machinery, except Electrical	27.0	27.0	26.1	0	1000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.0	22.2	22.7	-200	-700
Transportation Equipment	17.3	17.3	17.8	0	-500
Nondurable Goods	67.5	66.8	66.2	700	1300
Food & Kindred Products	25.5	24.9	24.3	600	1200
Printing & Publishing	22.3	22.3	22.1	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	82.4	82.8	83.2	-400	-800
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani, Svcs	44.5	44.7	45.5	-200	-1000
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	349.5	349.7	348.6	-200	900
Wholesale Trade	75.6	75.5	75.9	100	-300
Retail Trade	273.9	274.2	272.7	-300	1200
General Merchandise Stores	31.7	31.7	30.8	0	900
Food Stores	43.5	43.0	43.5	500	0
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	27.6	27.3	27.8	300	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	102.4	103.2	102.2	-800	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	96.6	97.2	98.8	-600	-2200
Banking	20.7	20.8	21.4	-100	-700
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	18.2	18.2	19.1	0	-900
SERVICES	327.1	332.3	329.0	-5200	-1900
Hotels & Other Lodging	26.4	27.7	26.8	-1300	-400
Personal Services	15.6	16.7	16.5	-1100	-700
Business Services	72.6	73.2	73.1	-600	-500
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	15.0	15.8	15.9	0	-100
Amusements & Recreation	19.0	22.3	19.1	-3300	-100
Health Services	84.3	84.3	83.0	0	1300
Hospitals	36.0	35.9	35.3	100	700
GOVERNMENT	269.9	269.9	266.5	0	3400
Federal Government	54.1	53.9	54.6	200	-500
State Government	65.3	66.1	62.9	-800	2400
Education	40.2	41.5	38.8	-1300	1400
Local Government	150.5	149.9	149.0	600	1500
Education	83.5	83.1	82.6	400	900
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.2	0.2	5.5	0	-5300

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	884.6	883.2	900.0	1400	-15400
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	51.9	53.7	65.6	-1800	-13700
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.1	7.3	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	832.7	829.5	834.4	3200	-1700
Nonagricultural 5/	824.8	821.7	823.1	3100	1700
Agricultural	7.9	7.8	11.3	100	-3400
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	793.6	791.6	797.7	2000	-4100
MINING	13.5	13.7	14.1	-200	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	11.2	11.4	12.0	-200	-800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	35.8	35.6	38.2	200	-2400
MANUFACTURING	95.3	94.9	94.8	400	500
Durable Goods	51.6	51.5	51.1	100	500
Transportation Equipment	15.6	15.6	15.9	0	-300
Nondurable Goods	43.7	43.4	43.7	300	0
Food & Kindred Products	14.4	14.1	14.4	300	0
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	60.1	60.1	59.8	0	300
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	198.8	198.5	200.5	300	-1700
Wholesale Trade	54.0	53.9	54.1	100	-100
Retail Trade	144.8	144.6	146.4	200	-1600
Eating & Drinking Places	51.9	51.8	53.0	100	-1100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	66.2	66.1	67.0	100	-800
SERVICES	197.0	195.6	197.4	1400	-400
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.	10.5	10.7	200	0
Health Services	47.1	47.1	46.8	0	300
GOVERNMENT	126.9	127.1	125.9	-200	1000
Federal Government	31.6	31.6	32.0	0	-400
State Government	26.6	27.3	25.7	-700	900
Local Government	68.7	68.2	68.2	500	500
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	5.0	0	-5000

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	130.8	130.3	130.8	500	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.9	6.3	7.5	-400	-1600
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.8	5.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	124.9	124.0	123.3	900	1600
Nonagricultural 5/	123.1	122.2	120.7	900	2400
Agricultural	1.8	1.8	2.6	0	-800
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	106.2	105.5	104.3	700	1900
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	-300
MANUFACTURING	28.2	28.3	27.9	-100	300
Durable Goods	23.0	23.1	22.8	-100	200
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	22.8	22.6	22.6	200	200
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.4	2.5	100	0
Retail Trade	20.3	20.2	20.1	100	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.0	4.1	100	0
SERVICES	21.8	21.8	21.2	0	600
GOVERNMENT	23.5	23.0	22.4	500	1100
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	11.0	10.8	10.3	200	700
Local Government	9.9	9.6	9.5	300	400
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	May 1988 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	April 1988 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5951	5506	445	7.5	--	6011	5524	487	8.1
Archuleta	2654	2413	241	9.1	--	2708	2478	230	8.5
Baca	2142	2060	82	3.8	--	2161	2049	112	5.2
Bent	2277	2124	153	6.7	--	2309	2137	172	7.4
Chaffee	6511	5833	678	10.4	--	6566	5849	717	10.9
Cheyenne	991	960	31	3.1	--	976	957	19	1.9
Clear Creek	2220	1953	267	12.0	--	2402	2132	270	11.2
Co. Springs MSA	188728	174494	14234	7.5	--	190087	175034	15053	7.9
Conejos	2452	2152	300	12.2	--	2561	2153	408	15.9
Costilla	885	740	145	16.4	--	884	751	133	15.0
Crowley	1494	1412	82	5.5	--	1555	1437	118	7.6
Custer	948	862	86	9.1	--	962	887	75	7.8
Delta	8061	7116	945	11.7	--	8246	7126	1120	13.6
Den-Bldr CMSA	1015415	957580	57835	5.7	--	1013454	953468	59986	5.9
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	130849	124926	5923	4.5	--	130234	123956	6278	4.8
-Denver MSA	884566	832654	51912	5.9	--	883220	829512	53708	6.1
---Adams	149149	138437	10712	7.2	--	149145	137915	11230	7.5
---Arapahoe	210558	200320	10238	4.9	--	209923	199564	10359	4.9
---Denver	271709	253893	17816	6.6	--	271306	252935	18371	6.8
---Douglas	19893	18985	908	4.6	--	19922	18913	1009	5.1
---Jefferson	233259	221020	12239	5.2	--	232926	220186	12740	5.5
Dolores	847	790	57	6.7	--	874	799	75	8.6
Eagle	11657	10753	904	7.8	--	13702	12300	1402	10.2
Elbert	3766	3460	306	8.1	--	3780	3440	340	9.0
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	91936	86760	5176	5.6	--	92418	86824	5594	6.1
Fremont	11267	10216	1051	9.3	--	11401	10256	1145	10.0
Garfield	14324	13320	1004	7.0	--	14512	13324	1188	8.2
Gilpin	1229	1147	82	6.7	--	1230	1149	81	6.6
Grand	4855	4516	339	7.0	--	5479	5100	379	6.9
Greeley MSA	67609	63100	4509	6.7	--	68058	63231	4827	7.1
Gunnison	5528	5034	494	8.9	--	5646	5130	516	9.1
Hinsdale	372	370	2	0.5	--	393	387	6	1.5
Huerfano	2420	2102	318	13.1	--	2444	2143	301	12.3
Jackson	1090	996	94	8.6	--	1101	1001	100	9.1
Kiowa	1018	1000	18	1.8	--	1056	1010	46	4.4
Kit Carson	3796	3708	88	2.3	--	3789	3698	91	2.4
Lake	1730	1279	451	26.1	--	1587	1301	286	18.0
La Plata	15849	14810	1039	6.6	--	16246	14940	1306	8.0
Las Animas	4860	4470	390	8.0	--	4953	4480	473	9.5
Lincoln	2039	2008	31	1.5	--	2091	1998	93	4.4
Logan	8705	8337	371	4.3	--	8765	8348	417	4.8
Mesa	38870	35766	3104	8.0	--	39440	35953	3487	8.8
Mineral	271	255	16	5.9	--	317	265	52	16.4
Moffat	5012	4467	545	10.9	--	5094	4489	605	11.9
Montezuma	8910	8071	839	9.4	--	9076	8089	987	10.9
Montrose	11626	10436	1190	10.2	--	11903	10128	1775	14.9
Morgan	9627	8951	676	7.0	--	9662	8945	717	7.4
Otero	8264	7527	737	8.9	--	8490	7563	927	10.9
Ouray	1206	1102	104	8.6	--	1294	1128	166	12.8
Park	2900	2686	214	7.4	--	2984	2743	241	8.1
Phillips	2239	2190	49	2.2	--	2279	2219	60	2.6
Pitkin	8687	7846	841	9.7	--	9049	8240	809	8.9
Prowers	6549	5918	631	9.6	--	6555	5923	632	9.6
Pueblo MSA	49533	45596	3937	7.9	--	50473	46222	4251	8.4
Rio Blanco	2627	2458	169	6.4	--	2651	2464	187	7.1
Rio Grande	5311	4697	614	11.6	--	5425	4693	732	13.5
Routt	8573	7526	1047	12.2	--	8759	7833	956	10.9
Saguache	1555	1397	161	10.3	--	1567	1387	180	11.5
San Juan	471	432	39	8.3	--	511	445	66	12.9
San Miguel	2523	2205	318	12.6	--	2602	2264	338	13.0
Sedgwick	1411	1362	49	3.5	--	1401	1357	44	3.1
Summit	7193	6538	655	9.1	--	8727	7956	771	8.8
Teller	5406	4914	492	9.3	--	5381	4829	552	10.3
Washington	2572	2433	139	5.4	--	2585	2454	131	5.1
Yuma	4760	4631	129	2.7	--	4911	4729	182	3.7
COLORADO	1691649	1582706	108943	6.4	--	1701575	1585163	116412	6.8

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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STATE OF COLORADO
MAY 1987 REVISED

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6141	5563	578	9.4
ARCHULETA	2612	2396	216	8.3
BACA	2448	2363	85	3.5
BENT	2373	2236	137	5.8
CHAFFEE	6848	5956	892	13.0
CHEYENNE	1149	1103	46	4.0
CLEAR CREEK	2634	2289	340	13.1
CO. SPGS. MSA	189903	173977	15926	8.4
CONEJOS	2737	2323	414	15.1
COSTILLA	995	781	214	21.5
CROWLEY	1327	1220	107	8.1
CUSTER	1003	909	94	9.4
DELTA	8820	7625	1195	13.5
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1030899	957757	73142	7.1
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	130811	123314	7497	5.7
-DENVER MSA	900088	834443	65645	7.3
---ADAMS	152933	138737	14196	9.3
---ARAPAHOE	213429	200747	12682	5.9
---DENVER	276353	254434	22219	8.0
---DOUGLAS	20129	19028	1101	5.5
---JEFFERSON	236944	221497	15447	6.5
DOLORES	900	821	79	8.8
EAGLE	10708	9713	995	9.3
ELBERT	4067	3683	384	9.4
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	91725	85875	5850	6.4
FREMONT	11951	10452	1499	12.5
GARFIELD	14654	13284	1370	9.3
GILPIN	1296	1156	140	10.8
GRAND	5058	4668	390	7.7
GREELEY MSA	69145	63535	5610	8.1
GUNNISON	5675	5099	576	10.1
HINSDALE	410	375	35	8.5
HUERFANO	2628	2181	447	17.0
JACKSON	1140	1075	65	5.7
KIOWA	1193	1138	55	4.6
KIT CARSON	4332	4138	194	4.5
LAKE	1867	1263	604	32.4
LA PLATA	16482	14933	1549	9.4
LAS ANIMAS	4892	4310	582	11.9
LINCOLN	2313	2221	92	4.0
LOGAN	10121	8926	1195	11.8
MESA	40186	35658	4528	11.3
MINERAL	308	264	44	14.3
MOFFAT	5374	4615	759	14.1
MONTEZUMA	9064	7853	1211	13.4
MONTROSE	11923	10531	1392	11.7
MORGAN	10726	9500	1226	11.4
OTERO	9060	7928	1132	12.5
OURAY	1273	1153	120	9.4
PARK	3011	2686	325	10.8
PHILLIPS	2529	2437	92	3.6
PITKIN	7930	7075	855	10.8
PROWERS	6948	6501	447	6.4
PUEBLO MSA	49664	44422	5242	10.6
RIO BLANCO	2862	2576	286	10.0
RIO GRANDE	5513	4874	639	11.6
ROUTT	8315	7189	1126	13.5
SAGUACHE	1749	1566	183	10.5
SAN JUAN	557	457	100	18.0
SAN MIGUEL	2299	1943	356	15.5
SEDGWICK	1547	1482	65	4.2
SUMMIT	6709	6146	563	8.4
TELLER	5341	4783	558	10.4
WASHINGTON	3041	2790	251	8.3
YUMA	5351	5139	212	4.0
STATE TOTAL	1721726	1584912	136814	7.9

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$464.94	$464.58	$470.61	37.8	38.3	37.8	$12.30	$12.13	$12.45
MANUFACTURING	$422.92	$415.95	$407.43	41.1	40.7	40.3	$10.29	$10.22	$10.11
Durable Goods	$436.96	$419.80	$422.30	42.3	41.4	41.0	$10.33	$10.14	$10.30
Nondurable Goods	$401.41	$410.50	$383.96	39.2	39.7	39.1	$10.24	$10.34	$9.82

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987	MAY 2/ 1988	APR 3/ 1988	MAY 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$506.43	$497.74	$492.75	38.6	39.1	37.5	$13.12	$12.73	$13.14
MANUFACTURING	$427.92	$436.17	$427.52	40.6	41.5	40.6	$10.54	$10.51	$10.53
Durable Goods	$472.22	$483.91	$479.25	42.2	43.4	42.6	$11.19	$11.15	$11.25
Nondurable Goods	$385.14	$388.48	$382.00	39.1	39.6	38.9	$9.85	$9.81	$9.82

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	MAY 1988	APR 1988	MAY 1987	MAY 1988	APR 1988	MAY 1987
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	11,530	13,562	15,923	6,014	6,084	9,149
Continued Claims	117,199	125,412	140,076	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	95,319	103,987	114,442	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$14,795,252	$16,208,812	$18,107,032	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$124,382,103	$69,389,737	$88,002,144	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	16,417	14,080	16,049	7,645	6,990	7,860
Nonagricultural Placements	4,920	4,590	5,271	1,679	1,619	1,724
Agricultural Placements	410	578	457	173	168	194

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISIONS

April 1988 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	120,264	1701.6	1632.1	465.2	408.0	691.9	750.5	230.0
Unemployment	6,359	116.4	88.4	33.3	31.1	58.3	39.3	14.9
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.3	6.8	5.4	7.2	7.6	8.4	5.2	6.5
Employment	113,905	1585.2	1543.7	431.9	376.9	633.6	711.2	215.1

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on December 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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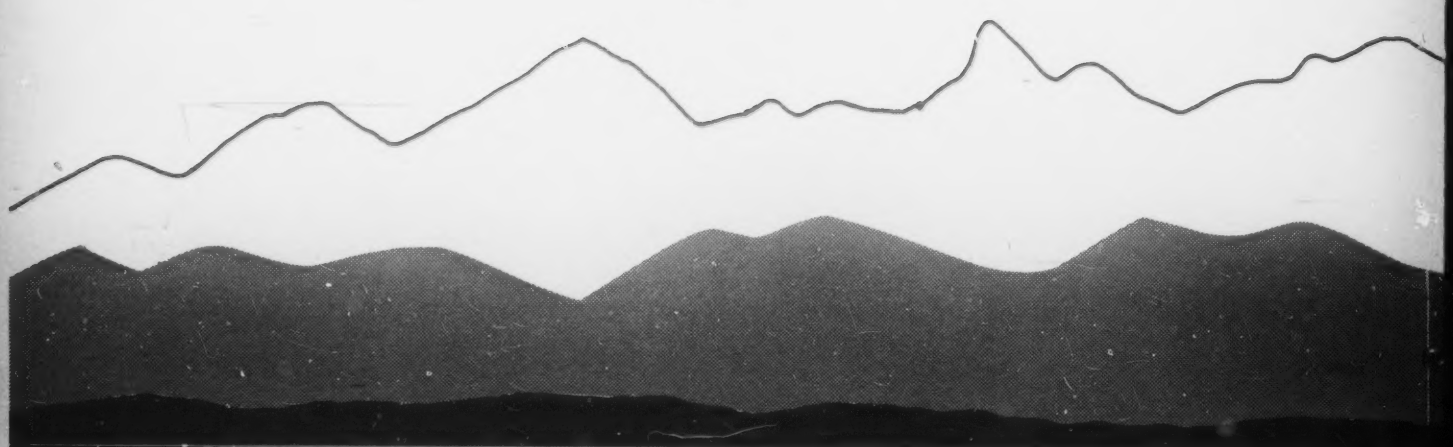

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